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My Visit With FLORENCE S. BECKER

CALIFORNIA'S VERSATILE MEDIUM

By

JULIETTE EWING PRESSING

San Francisco's Noted Direct-voice Medium Holds Special Seance for the Editors of Psychic Observer.

Florence S. Becker, one of Spiritualism's greatest mediums, was endowed from her earliest days, with not only the ability to commune with spirits but also the gift of prophecy.

Her parents were strict orthodox Christians. The astounding *yarns*, told by young *Florence*, were considered by some to be absolute falsehoods ,and she was oftimes punished for repeating messages and relating communion she had with spirit people. As *just* punishment, she would sometimes be sent to a dark attic where she was obliged to spend hours in isolation from her playmates.

This procedure failed to correct the "scandalous" *tale-telling*. Materialized spirits would actually sit beside her on an old trunk in the darkness of the attic,—*psychic scientists know that ectoplasmic formations can build up in semi-darkness* — these spirits would teach and tell her many truths. Also, messages about future events, concerning the family and neighbors, would be included in the *attic* communications.

Her Early Life

Naturally, the young child would be filled with enthusiasm about her spirit friends. At the time she did not understand, nor did she realize these people were actually spirits. Again and again she would repeat the unbelievable *yarns* told her in the attic. In almost every instance, she would be *justly* punished by whippings, extra household duties or any hardship the *good* parents could conjure up to meet the strict requirements for upbringing a Christian daughter.

Florence's early home life was one of great problems and difficulties. While still quite young, she married. From this union, she had two fine sons, who are now grown men in the service of the United States.

Florence Becker has always been under the *Guidance of Angels*. One outstanding example of the Bible promise "*He will give His Angels Charge Over Thee*" was when a goitre appeared on her throat. The doctors decided to operate.

Operation Avoided

In due course, the young mother was placed on the operating table. As an anaesthetic was being administered, a spirit voice spoke aloud: "*Don't operate on that girl.*" The doctors heard the voice and at about the same time, a large red rose suddenly appeared —as if *painted* on the white wall of the surgery.

The doctors were astounded. *They were frightened.* All plans for the operation abruptly stopped and *Florence* thenceforth returned to her little prairie home on the plains of Kansas. The bulge or apparent goitre remained on her throat.

One day, an old spirit friend, who had frequently talked with her during her *attic* days, came to her home. *He was an Indian* and seemed to be perfectly human. Possibly a strange statement for me to make but follow closely. This Indian then told her a trip to San Francisco was absolutely necessary and so saying, packed her bags for the trip and helped the young children prepare for the journey.

Accompanied by this very same red-man, *Florence* and the two children traveled to the *City of the Golden Gate*. They went to an apothecary shop and, to the clerk, the Indian gave explicit instructions for an unusual mixture of herbs, et cetera, for a poultice. This poultice was applied to the goitre which in a few days completely disappeared.

Shortly before taking his departure, this good old Indian cut one of his long black braids, gave it to the girl *Florence*, and said: "*Call my name, I will always respond. I will guard, guide and protect you.*" It was like a benediction — *then the Indian disappeared.*

From that day on, this very same Indian, *although now he al-*

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PIONEERS of Yesteryear

How Many Do You Recognize?

Psychic Observer

The picture (above) was taken many years ago . . . a gathering of prominent Spiritualists to celebrate the opening of REV. INEZ WAGNER'S church in California. A copy of the original picture was given to the editors of PSYCHIC OBSERVER during their recent visit at the home of MARION CARPENTER-VAIL, 1841 Wellington Road, Los Angeles (6), California. Having overcome a recent illness, Mrs. Carpenter-Vail (88) carries on.

In the picture, left center, the arrow points to Rev. Wagner. Everyone will recognize the elderly gentleman (98) with the beard (sitting left center). He is Dr. J. M. PEEBLES. Probably one of the greatest propagandists Spiritualism ever had. DR. PEEBLES passed away in his 99th year.

To the right of Dr. Peebles, standing and wearing the hat with the white plume, is Marion Carpenter-Vail; To her right, Mrs. Dell HERRICK; extreme right, Dell HERRICK, deceased. How many other people in the above picture do YOU recognize?

THE COLOR OF THINGS

We should fly from colors that depress or repel us . . . as from a disease. People known as "sensitives" are specially influenced by the magnetism or malignity of color, which depresses or exhiliarates as the case may be.

THE SCIENCE OF COLOR and What Each Color Denotes

By

Winifred Graham

St. Albans,
Hampton-on-Thames,
Middlesex, England

I have just read in a *London* paper of an empty *Irish Mansion* which has been left entirely unguarded since its owner's death, though it is known to contain thousands of dollars worth of jewelry and other valuables. Naturally in these days of constant burglaries, one asks oneself how it is possible these treasures remain untouched? The answer sounds startling—*they are guarded by spirits!*

This large house in *County Monaghan* has such a haunted reputation that it protects itself and requires no caretaker. The local inhabitants dare not approach the hundred acre estate after dark. Stories are told of cabinets and china hurled to the ground by invisible hands and poachers say they have seen unearthly animals prowling about the grounds at night, creatures with blazing eyes and crimson tongues—like fire—hanging from open mouths ,ready to devour any human intruder.

A "Haunted House"

It would seem a hardened robber would not have been scared away by such stories, but the *Irish* are very superstitious and afraid of the "*supernatural.*" This account of a haunted mansion reminded me of an incident which happened at the time of the *Sien Fien Insurrection*. It was told me by the owner of a house which was veritably saved by a spirit.

This ancestral mansion had been marked down for destruction by the rebels while the master was away. His wife and daughter were in residence and when in the dead of night a loud knocking was heard outside, the brave daughter rushed down before their staff or her mother realized the rebels were outside. She flung open the door, faced them and demanded to know their business.

"*We have come,*" they said, "*to burn this place down and we give you and the rest of the swine five minutes to clear out!*"

She told me she had no idea her answer was to prove the salvation of their home, for she gasped in very real concern: "*Oh! dear—where will the spirit go!*"

You see, they had a family spectre which materialized so frequently that they looked on it as a friend and were perfectly famil-

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What I Observe by R. G. Pressing

What They Say About Us

During our stay in Los Angeles, a reporter from the Los Angeles Herald Examiner interviewed both of us at the Biltmore Hotel. According to the article that appeared the following day, we were referred to as "authorities" on psychic science. *No one* could possibly be an authority on so vast a subject but the fact that so large a newspaper would be interested in what the Spiritualists were doing is, in itself, fairly encouraging. When asked about spirit communication, we were careful to use the words *spirit people* but the city editors seem only to think of them as *ghosts.*

The article about us was headed *Ghost Films;* the subheading was *Psychic Experts claim Spirits here to stay.* The text of the article reads:

"Ghosts are good box office. That's why moviegoers are seeing more of them on the screen these days, according to two of the nation's leading authorities on ghosts and ghostly goings-on.

"The authorities are *Juliette Ewing Pressing* and her husband, *Ralph G. Pressing,* lecturers and writers on psychic research subjects and publishers of the Psychic Observer, leading American publication devoted to such subjects.

"They declared that the current cycle of fantasy-type movies, particularly those with psychic themes, indicate a growing trend in troubled times to search for satisfying answers concerning the mysteries of life.

"*The time has arrived when serious investigators and writers on these matters no longer can be regarded as just nuts,* Mr. Pressing stated. *There are too many intelligent and important people who are interested.*

"Mr. and Mrs. Pressing asserted that the evidence of personal survival after death is now so voluminous and complete that any person can satisfy himself merely by reading the literature available in a public library."

P.S.S.A. Convention

The annual convention of the *Pennsylvania State Spiritualist Association* was held May 12-15 at The *First Association of Spiritualists Church,* Master and Carlisle Sts., Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, according to *Augusta Taylor,* Pastor. Listed on the official program as featured lecturers and message bearers for the convention: Rev. Mamie B. *Schulz,* Chesterfield, Indiana; Rev. Hugh Gordon *Burroughs,* Washington, D. C. and Rev. Anna K. *Rose,* Philadelphia.

Great Spiritualist Rally

Four thousand persons attended a Spiritualist rally at The *Royal Albert Hall* April 12th last. This meeting, sponsored by *Psychic News,* was under the direction of C. S. *Taylor* and J. Arthur *Findlay.* A special program, printed on expensive glossy paper, names the following speakers and mediums: J. Arthur *Findlay,* Chairman; Rev. C. Drayton *Thomas,* noted writer and author; George *Daisley,* outstanding London clairvoyant; Miss *Lind-af-Hageby,* eminent Swiss lecturer and Ronald *Strong,* popular clairvoyant and direct-voice medium. It was a four-hour program.

The preface of the *rally program* is headed *Historic Spiritualist Meetings.* It reads: "Round about the mid'twenties *Sir Arthur Conan Doyle* conducted the first Spiritualist Service ever to be held in *Albert Hall.*

"Today over twenty years later, the *Albert Hall* is again the scene of a great Spiritualist gathering. It is the All Spiritualists' Rally organized by *Psychic News.* In those intervening years, Spiritualism has not remained at a standstill: on the contrary its message has been proclaimed from platforms all over the country.

"For many years dating from 1927, the *Marylebone Spiritualist Association* held annual services of reunion and remembrance at the *Albert Hall.* It is interesting to note that when the hall was first booked for a Spiritualist Service, the organizers wondered if they could fill it. Practically every *London Spiritualist Church* curtailed its services for that evening, and asked the congregation to go to the *Albert Hall.* Soon, however, it became customary for the *Albert Hall* to be filled once or twice a year, whilst other Spiritualist meetings had their normal attendances.

Ronald STRONG

"In 1938, Spiritualism reached a peak hitherto unscaled. In less than six weeks, five propaganda meetings, arranged by the *Sunday Pictorial,* in conjunction with the *House of Red Cloud,* were held. These enabled 25,000 people to hear the case for Spiritualism.

"Before the war there were at least three large propaganda meetings every Sunday, at the *Queen's Hall, Grotrian Hall* and *Aeolian Hall,* but with the outbreak of hostilities these had to close down. *Ronald Strong,* in keeping open the *Wigmore Hall,* became practically our only champion in the Metropolis.

"The war over, Spiritualist meetings on a large scale are held frequently. The *London District Council* of the S.N.U. hold Spring and Autumn Rallies, while the M.S.A. conduct a service at the *Victoria Hall,* Bloomsbury,, every Sunday. The *Kingsway Hall,* Holborn, has been the scene of several large propaganda meetings of late. The *Link* and *Universal Brotherhood Federation* have organized several meetings in that hall, and at the *Scala Theatre.*"

What's Wrong With It?

Some think the name "*Spiritualism*" should be changed into something new and happier. A recent letter states . . . "it seems that Spiritual Science" might be appropriate. "Psychic Science," I do not like, as it does not appertain to the *highest.* To quote from "Counsel from the Heavenly Spheres," by H. B., "many people seem to confound the psychical with the spiritual. Psychical development is by no means synonymous with spiritual unfoldment, but when both are combined in a perfect balance, and sympathetically evolved and trained, then the individual becomes a great force for good, both in this world and the next."

Now all these suggestions are meant well but in the first place, there are many organizations — all out-and-out Spiritualist organizations—that already use the two above suggested names, but the general opinion—and I have heard some opinions expressed in public, also to private groups and from Spiritualist platforms—is to LEAVE IT ALONE.

It is true, the name *Spiritualism* has been dragged through the mire by public prejudice but in spite of the stigma which has apparently become attached to it — as some believe — it will yet emerge from the fires of ignorant superstition and opposition to its rightful place as a Philosophy of Life.

Frankly, I cannot understand why the term "Spiritualism" so often arouses such strong animosity and condemnation. Every religion must have some "*Spiritualism*" in it. Possibly this animosity is because it is often indentified with mere fortune-telling or some of the socalled lowest forms of psychic phenomena.

To me, however, the term signifies a belief in things spiritual, in the existence of spiritual beings, in a spirit-world governed by spiritual laws and conditions, and in a spiritual basis to all things material and visible.

To Be Featured at G. A. S. Syracuse Convention

The 51st annual convention of The General Assembly of Spiritualists of The United States of America, will be held June 13, 14 and 15th at The Museum of Fine Arts, 407 James St., Syracuse, N. Y. Prominent speakers and mediums to be featured on the convention program are: Rev. Raymond Burns, Norfolk, Virginia (left); Rev. Mary Olson, New York City (center) and Rev. Converse Nickerson, Boston, Massachusetts (right). Rev. John Carlson and Rev. Lillian Bleser are also scheduled on the official convention program. All meetings are open to the public. For convention program write the secretary Everett Britz, 225 Lafayette St., New York City.

What They Thought In 1852

Gaylord M. Uptegraff, Lewiston, N. Y., a stamp collector, received a letter from a friend. The letter was written on a piece of paper that was folded, sealed and addressed . . . the Postmaster at *Malden Bridge, N. Y.* certified that 3c postage had been paid and that no stamp was used. The stamp certification was dated Feb. 22, 1852.

Now Mr. Uptegraff is interested in *Spiritualism* . . . just as much as he is interested in stamps. Upon reading the folded paper in the letter, he was amazed to find the following communication:

Malden Bridge, Feb. 22-52

Dear Brother:

"Since I wrote I have been so fortunate as to gain a considerable information with regard to the principles and philosophy of Spiritual Communications and unless I receive some very substantial evidence to the contrary shall consider myself a believer.

"I have obtained a large pamphlet published at Auburn I don't now recollect the title, which gives a particular account of the origin and progress of the (so called) Spiritual rapping. I have also two pamphlets and a volume entitled the Great Harmonia, published by Andrew Jackson Davis recently, on the subject of philosophy of Spiritual Communications. He mentions the pamphlet published at Auburn and agrees with the ideas therein contained.

"His ideas and opinions conflict somewhat with some passages in the Bible but I think not materially to detract from the merits of the scriptures. The Bible may, and no doubt does, contain some error and, as this is an age of improvement, I think we should not object to a *better light* but go for a progression in knowledge in this as we are led to believe we shall in another sphere of existence.

"As I have had some experience in Magnetism, I profess to have some knowledge of its principles and its effects and I know there is something in it which is wonderful and somewhat inaccountable and especially to a misinformed person, but since reading the above mentioned works it appears more plain and rational.

"It will be generally admitted that there is, or is to be, a future state of existence that these mortal bodies are to be exchanged for Spiritual bodies, but the idea of our having communication with the Spiritual beings is something new and of course disbelieved because the principle is not understood.

"If a man twenty years ago had prophesied that at this day a man in Albany could converse with another individual in New Orleans by means of electricity he would have been hooted at as a visionary, an enthusiastic, or an insane person, but now who doubts the reality—no one, and reasoning from facts developed we may, I think, reasonably conclude that in a short space of time the principles of Spiritual Communications may be as well understood and as universally believed.

"I am, for my part, anxious to gain more light and any suggestions or instructions you may think proper to impart will be thankfully received.

"Very respectfully yours,

"I. W. Pitts."

Davis Said It!

The Poughkeepsie Seer, *Andrew Jackson Davis,* seemed to foresee storm clouds ahead for the Spiritualists—and this was over 60 years ago when the following article appeared in "*Reason*" magazine over his signature. The article, headed "*Davis' Warning To Spiritualists,*" reads:

"Yes, this is my irresistible impression. Men *must* make an intelligent use of their manifestations; else they will go down into history as the tricks of itinerant boys and girls. Look *within* for that principle which causes all effects in the external. When you find an *internal conviction* that you are immortal, which no sophistry can invalidate or disturb, *then you have found a treasure;* the beauty of which is greatly enhanced by Spiritual manifestation. Secure this internal conviction first, then add the illustration.

'In a few brief years more — when Clairvoyant, healing Impressional, and writing mediums only will be known—men will have reaped a harvest of evidence. The testimonials of hundreds of thousands could then be secured. Persons, considered skeptics, will read with earnestness. The churches will gradually become powerless. Skeptical minds will get their questions answered outside of churches.

"Then the Churches will come to you. Be careful, my friends, lest you forget and go to the Churches. Do not be absorbed by them. There is danger in becoming too popular!

"Beware, when the churches begin to consider it profitable to invite you to take a seat in their beautiful compartment. Accept this and you are on the road to annihilation. Yea, when the churches consider *Spiritualism* reputable enough to endorse you, then consider that you are all on the broad road to certain mischievous prosperity; an easy thriftiness which will turn into conservatism, like all the past, and build up institutions against another dispensation.

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Arthur FORD

To reach the church from New York City, take Route No. 25 to Cloverleaf Intersection at Rahway, New Jersey; continue West about ¼ mile (Large Howard Johnson Restaurant to the left) to a large sign on the left pointing to Shore Points and straight ahead to New Brunswick and Philadelphia; then take Route No. 35 (Shore Points) to Keyport—just outside of Keyport pick up Route No. 36. LEONARDO is about eight (8) miles from Keyport. Markers point the way to the church.

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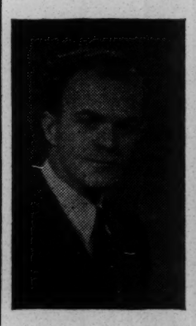

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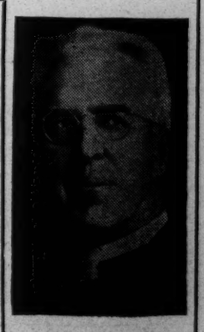

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Host of Noted Mediums Scheduled for 1947

The sixteenth annual season of Spiritualist *Camp Silver Belle* will open June 21st at Ephrata, Pennsylvania, and close September 1st, according to *Ethel Post-Parrish*, secretary.

The address of welcome on the afternoon of the first day of the 1947 season, Saturday, June 21st, will be delivered by *Lena Barnes Jefts*, author, lecturer and teacher. Afternoon and evening of the same day, *J. Edwards*, noted psychic photographer will present a demonstration of spirit photography *under strict test conditions*. This season, *Mr. Edwards* will attempt several unique tests, under circumstances rarely submitted to by mediums possessing this rare phase of phenomena. During the past two years, amazing results have been obtained through his instrumentality.

Lena Barnes JEFTS

For the benefit of visitors, traveling great distances a schedule has been arranged designating specific dates when *J. Edwards* will publicly demonstrate his gift of spirit photography and accept, By APPOINTMENT ONLY, private sittings for individuals or small groups. The dates when Mr. Edwards will be at *Camp Silver Belle* are: June 21st, June 22nd, July 12th, July 13th—July 26th to August 3rd inclusive — August 9th, August 10th, and August 23rd through to Labor Day.

The first Sunday, June 22nd, of the forthcoming summer season at Camp Silver Belle will be *Psychic Observer Day*, beginning at 10:30 in the morning with the flag-raising service under the direction of *James M. Parrish*, popular lecturer, healer and soloist.

Mrs. Pressing—June 22nd

At 2:15 Sunday afternoon, June 22nd, an address will be given by *Juliette Ewing Pressing*, editor of *Psychic Observer*, who will describe (1) her experiences in the field of Spiritualism during the past years; (2) mediums she has met in Europe and the U.S.A.; (3) various degrees of phenomena witnessed and (4) a general survey of the progress Spiritualism is making in universities and movements outside but bordering on the truths presented and accepted by Spiritualists today.

This year, *Camp Silver Belle* will have an up-to-date bookshop specially arranged in the lobby of The *Mountain Springs Hotel*. This display of books, pertaining to psychic science, occultism and *Spiritualism*, will be known as The PSYCHIC OBSERVER BOOKSHOP, is owned and operated by Dale News, Inc. and will be managed by *Branche Sears* of Columbus, Ohio. One of the largest stocks of its kind ever to be assembled in that part of the country will be on display during the entire season—affording visitors an opportunity to purchase books they have seen advertised in the columns of *Psychic Observer*.

Ethel POST-PARRISH

Special Days

There will be *special days* throughout the entire season: Sunday, June 29th, *New England Day; Friday*, July 4th *Opening Banquet;* Sunday, July 6th, *New Jersey Day;* Sunday, July 13th, *Pennsylvania Day;* Sunday July 20th, *Reading Day;* Sunday, July 27th, *Philadelphia Day;* Sunday, August 3rd, *Virginia Day;* Sunday, August 10th, *All-States Day;* Wednesday, August 13th; *Membership Day*, James M. Parrish; Sunday, August 17th, *Washington Day;* Sunday, August 24th, *New York City Day;* Saturday, August 30th, *Closing Banquet*, Monday, September 1st, *Camp Silver Belle Association Day*.

Hugh Gordon BURROUGHS

During the current season, numerous phases of mental and physical mediumship will be demonstrated: direct-voice; independent-voice; trance; clairvoyance; clairaudience; slate-writing; materialization; etherealization; transfiguration; telekinesis; billet reading; and spiritual healing.

Advice To Visitors

All visitors are advised, if at all possible to make appointments for private seances well in advance. No medium can be obligated to "*crowd*" their appointments, especially over week-ends, when pressure for private sittings and seances is great. Write for an appointment with the medium or mediums of your selection and know that every effort will be made to take care of your wishes but also bear in mind that *no medium is obligated* to grant a private interview. All requests will be handled graciously and with the thought of spiritual service to those whose hearts are set on making contact, if possible, with their loved ones.

Try to arrange for your private appointment on week days. Results are sometimes a great deal better when mediums are not "*rushed*".

Featured Mediums

Speakers and mediums listed on the official 1947 program: Ethel *Post-Parrish*, St. Petersburg, Florida — clairvoyance, materialization and direct voice; H. Gordon *Burroughs*, Washington, D. C. — direct voice, clairvoyance; M. McBride *Panton*, Stamford, Connecticut—direct voice, clairvoyance; Bertha *Eckroad*, Baltimore, Maryland—direct voice, clairvoyance; Raymond *Burns*, direct voice, clairvoyance; Elizabeth *Fabian*, Ephrata, Penna. — direct voice, clairvoyance.

"Jimmie" PARRISH

John *Reese*, Boston, Massachusetts—direct voice, clairvoyance; Marion *Miller*, Queens Village, N. Y.—direct voice, clairvoyance; C. Harrison *Engel*, Etna, Maine—clairvoyance; Abraham *Whitmoyer*, Ephrata, Penna.—clairvoyance; Ernest R. *Holden*, Ephrata, Penna. — direct voice, clairvoyance;

Edith *Green*, Detroit, Michigan — direct voice, clairvoyance; Laura *Harbach*, Reading, Penna. — clairvoyance; Anna K. *Rose*, Philadelphia, Penna. — clairvoyance; Emma *Munch*, Ephrata, Penna. — direct voice, clairvoyance; Ciel *Stewart*, Detroit, Michign — direct voice, clairvoyance; Dorothy Graff *Flexer*, Tampa, Florida — direct voice, clairvoyance.

Gene *Kerr*, Glenhook, Connecticut — direct voice, clairvoyance; Frank *Decker*, New York City, visiting medium — direct voice; Blanche *Sears*, lecturer; Nan *Bennett*, lecturer; Kitty *Leith*, New York City—lecturer; Lena Barnes *Jefts*, St. Petersburg, Florida — lecturer and teacher; James M. *Parrish*, St. Petersburg, Florida—lecturer and spiritual healer; Marian *Nicoletti*, New York City, lecturer.

Student Classes

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THE SECRET OF TIME *and* SATAN

By *EDWARD CARPENTER*

And so at last I saw Satan appear before me—magnificent, fully formed, feet first, with shining limbs, he glanced down from above among the bushes, and stood there erect, dark skinned, with nostrils dilated with passion:

(In the burning intolerable sunlight he stood, and I in the shade of the bushes);

Fierce and scathing the effluence of his eyes, and scornful of dreams and dreamers (he touched a rock hard by and it split with a sound like thunder);

Fierce the magnetic influence of his dusky flesh; his great foot, well formed was planted in the sand—with spreading toes;

"Come out," he said with a taunt. "Art thou afraid to meet me?"

And I answered no, but sprang upon him and smote him;

And he smote me a thousand times, and brashed and scorched and slew me as with hands of flame:

And I was glad for my body lay there dead; and I sprang upon him with another body;

And he turned upon me and smote me a thousand times and slew that body—

And I was glad and sprang upon him with another body,

And with another and another and again another,

And the bodies which I took on yielded before him, and were like cinctures of flame upon me, but I flung them aside;

And the pains which I endured in one body were the powers which I wielded in the next; and I grew in strength, till at last I stood before him complete, with a body like his own and equal in might, exultant in pride and joy.

Then he ceased and said, "I love thee."

And lo! his form changed, and he leaned backward and drew me upon him,

And bore me up into the air, and floated me over the topmost trees and the ocean, and round the curve of the earth under the moon—til we stood together in paradise.

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If, after reading this article, your first thought is to "pooh, pooh" it then read it again thoughtfully. Therein lies the secret. Can you find it? (ED.)

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The Color OF THINGS

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iar with its appearances. The fact of its being burnt out and driven from the home it loved, was her first concern. This involuntary exclamation had a surprising and utterly unexpected effect. The seditious crowd of villainous looking men, well trained in the burning of landowners' property, stood speechless for a moment. Looting, shooting and murder was the order of the day, but to tackle a spirit and offend a visitant from the unseen world was something different. The whole crowd just turned tail and fled.

"That Reminds Me"

The family felt forever grateful to the kindly spirit which had so wormed its personality round the girl's heart that it came first to her mind in the hour of peril.

Not all spirits are unpleasant, though human beings generally have an inborn dread of living in a haunted house. A friendly and quite unalarming spectre is no less a person than the foster mother of Edward VI, *Mistress Sibel Penn,* who has appeared in recent years —always gowned in her long grey dress.

In my Autobiography "THAT REMINDS ME," I described how she was mistaken for the housekeeper by a guest in an Apartment at *Hampton Court Palace,* but since writing that incident I have heard she appeared to a child in a house at Hampton-on-Thames, called *"Penn's Place.'* This residence was given her in order that she might end her days in leisure and peace. Friends of mine who own it now say their little girl at the age of three described the lady in grey who came and stood by her bed at night.

Devitalizing Color

I also learned just recently that *Mistress Penn* was seen in the same grey gown in Hampton Church by our late *Verger.* He was familiar with her features as her life sized recumbent figure, in marble, lies just inside the South door, under a stone canopy, supported by Corinthian pillars. She died of smallpox in 1562. I have not heard before of an authentic spirit making several appearances always dressed in the same color and I think few living people realize how color affects their temperament and has a psychic bearing on health and well being.

It is not *"faddy,"* as many might think, to refuse to live surrounded by devitalizing color vibrations. The peace of our minds and souls may be affected by the various shades surrounding us in our homes and the very garments we wear.

Kilner's Experiments

We should fly from colors that depress or repel us as from a disease. People known as *"sensitives"* are specially influenced by the magnetism or malignity of color, which depresses or exhilarates as the case may be. Psychics say the love of yellow indicates a controlled and practical mind. I glow in the company of yellow, yet I know a woman who is leaving her furnished flat simply because it has yellow walls.

The science of color is worthy of deep study. If you look into the matter you will find each of the seven colors of the spectrum—violet, indigo, blue, green, yellow, orange and red, has something to say to your spiritual side, which can disturb or stimulate the life-force.

Clairvoyants who see auras tell us that flame color quivers round highly developed individuals. *Dr. Walter Kilner,* a notable man, proved scientifically that when humans were looked at through a *Kilnerscope,* they fell into different color groups, so it is feasible that if you detach yourself from your right group, you suffer accordingly.

"Observations"

For instance, if you find you definitely prefer wearing a certain shade, it shows the inner man is craving for that color, which calms and satisfies the consciousness, so why not try a color-cure as a change from chemist's drugs? Have you ever noted how color comes into general conversation?

Expressions in England such as these are constantly used:

He is "in a brown study," or "in the blues." We are "green with envy," we "see red." Another—"put a false color on the matter," or possibly you saw a "culprit in his true colors," while some brave hero "nailed his colors to the mast."

In my latest book "OBSERVATIONS," I mentioned how admirably light colors suit *Queen Mary.* Last summer she was seen gowned and hatted entirely in pink of a delicate shade. I added: *"If she selected that color it can be taken for granted it was the "pink of perfection,"* since she always dresses in excellent taste.

Many think their lives are governed by the stars, but I firmly believe our destiny is mingled with the color influences surrounding us. We look up at the midnight blue of a sky, spangled with the diamonds of Heaven and their silver sheen thrills us . Those *"candles of the night"* appear so beautiful, that we almost hear them singing as they shine, they wear the sweetest shade of all.

The quality of silver is often used in conversation —*"a silver tongue"* for lovely speech, for wealth—*"born with a silver spoon in the mouth"* and we all look for the cloud with the *"silver lining."* I often think how the amazing colors and celestial music of the spheres will rejoice our sight and hearing when we pass on!

Message To Mourners

Death never takes a holiday, that leap in the dark wafting us to *Eternal Life,* with its thousand approaches, is far less mysterious since *Spiritualism* implanted knowledge in the human heart.

The many accidents which occur on land or sea and in the air, make innumerable mourners intensely eager to know what their dear ones experience when swift death rushes upon them unexpectedly. There is the gentle exit of the old when Time's hour glass runs down, but when the young die their sorrowing relatives are apt to feel very rebellious.

It may comfort some sad people whose lives have been shattered on account of such bitter bereavements to hear a message I received in automatic writing from a young man who lost his life in an aeroplane:

"I want to tell mourners that when we pass into this new vibration we see everything with clearer sight and this crystalizes every happening into a compound whole. We see in a flash why we were put on the earth—to die in the flesh and we fervently want our loved ones to believe we would not return if we could, because we have better and finer work to do here. We are happier and more active than anyone living in the world we left, so we honestly do not need pity.

"Kindly never link my name with the adjective *"poor."* I smile when I hear the expression —*"Poor* So-and-So was killed," for death is promotion and a state to be envied. Every tear shed is a stain on our joy, while thoughts of our marvelous happiness and belief in our bliss, is what we need. I should like to feel these words of mine could reach a number of people nursing their grief. Can you make this possible —perhaps through some printed page?

"This is really an appeal from our sphere to yours. Give us that longed for smile and make it easy for us to reach you in spirit. Open the door and welcome us as you would if a mortal body stood on the doorstep. Listen for a familiar voice which will speak to you in the silence of your soul. This is just my advice from the heavenly state of happiness and freedom to those who are in doubt. We want you to realize our nearness and activity. *Never* picture us as dead, we abhor that word! You may feel dead in spirit, we feel always radiantly alive. I could go on writing for ever of our interesting life and am glad to record this testimony."

Now my readers will understand it is difficult to keep such a message to oneself. I felt when I received it I wanted to broadcast it from the housetops. It seems wonderful to communicate in writing with a discarnate being, who was evidently grateful for the chance to use my hand and send his cheerful and reassuring message to the world. All who read it will feel with me that we must not fail our so-called dead.

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My Visit With Florence BECKER

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ways manifests definitely as a spirit, is foremost in the life of *Mrs. Becker.* From the spirit side of life, he now helps her over many rough places and unfailingly responds to her every call.

Now, some will ask these questions. In the beginning was *this Indian* a spirit who had the power to materialize himself? Was *this Indian* able to build a human body whenever such was needed? Do these manifestations occur for the evolution and help of humanity?

If these questions are not answered in the affirmative then how could *this Indian* hold a body together for such a length of time?

These manifestations will probably never be fully understood by those in the mortal body. But then, *can we explain* exactly how the wind blows? *Can we explain* exactly just how we eat and assimilate our food? *"Can we explain* how life can remain in a seed that has been entombed for centuries?

Precipitated Painting

Records show that seeds, buried with Egyptian mummies for centuries, have been brought out of tombs—planted and developed into great fields of grain.

Oh, *Great Mystery of Life*—we mortals ask for light and wisdom —we are but children in the eyes of God.

The story about the Indian and many more were told me in *California* by *Florence Becker* during my recent visit to her residence in *San Francisco.*

Throughout her career as a medium, *Mrs. Becker* has conducted developing classes for spiritual unfoldment. I was told that during class, Mrs. Becker's teacher, *Dr. Briggs,* announced he would like to try to produce some unusual phenomena. He requested that canvas be purchased such as used by artists for oil paintings—and that they prepare a frame and tack the canvas to it.

They followed these instructions and the canvas, tacked to a frame as directed, was brought to the class room. After a thorough examination, the students securely pinned it in black sateen. There were no paints of any description in the room.

Rare Phenomena

The lights were extinguished, the medium was entranced, and the class work continued as usual. At the conclusion, when the spirit teacher was about to dismiss the students, he told them to be very careful of the paint as it would have to dry. *Dr. Briggs* also instructed them to keep it, as much as possible, in a dim light at least for several days.

After the shaded lights were turned on, you can imagine the amazement and delight of the students as well as the medium, when they found a beautiful picture had been precipitated on the canvas whilst beneath these black cloths.

I met several people who were present when some of these remarkable paintings were produced. In the home of many students in San Francisco, these precipitated paintings are their most treasured possessions. This phase of *Mrs. Becker's* mediumship is truly remarkable but, owing to her extreme modesty, comparatively few people, on "the outside," have ever seen or heard about it.

Lollie's Symbology

Another impressive feature I noticed, in *Mrs. Becker's home,* was her valuable collection of elephants that have come to her from all parts of the world. This immense collection includes specimens made of jade, ivory, crystal, china and other materials. The elephants vary in size. Some are so tiny a magnifying glass must be used to see them. *Amazing, but true.* Others are quite large, probably two to three feet in height.

Famous men and women who have sat in seances with *Mrs. Becker* have contributed to the collection which now numbers into thousands.

Lollie, her beloved spirit child-guide, is particularly fond of these elephants, and the entire collection really belongs to her. In *Lollie's* symbology, the elephant means peace, exemplified when the elephant's trunk is upturned—and she will not have a single elephant whose trunk is not flung high.

The Children "Have A Time"

To reach *Mrs. Becker's* sanctuary, we went downstairs to the first floor level. Incidentally, practically all of the *San Francisco* homes are so built that the first floor level is the basement, so if one is entering from the street, the door would, therefore, open directly into a foyer.

Mrs. Becker has two seance rooms. One is very large and will seat about thirty or forty people, whilst the other room is quite small. Both are entered from the foyer. It was in the smaller room that we sat for our private seance.

From time to time, throughout the entire day, whenever conditions made it possible, *Lollie* would speak a few words to us in independent-voice. Evidently she

One of America's Finest

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Rev. Florence Smith Becker, 194 Brentwood Ave., San Francisco, California; lecturer, teacher, psychic artist, clairvoyant, trance and direct-voice medium; pastor of the Golden Gate Spiritualist Church, Native Son's Bldg., 414 Mason St., San Francisco . . . where regular services are held every Sunday evening at 8 — also second and fourth Wednesday at 7:45 P. M.

A public servant for the cause of Spiritualism during the past thirty years, Rev. Becker is known as one of America's outstanding mediums. Her seance room phenomena has convinced thousands, many of whom were nationally-known men and women of this great republic.

was eager and ready to chat, because, immediately after the lights were turned off, we heard independent voices in gleeful conversation. These proved to be my little spirit child-guide *Pink Flower* and *Lollie.*

Independent Voice

The characteristic greeting from *Lollie* is a jolly, cheerful *"Hoo! Hoo!"* for everybody. During the greater part of this seance, *Mrs. Becker* was not entranced hence she, too, could enjoy and participate in the conversations with the spirits.

These manifestations are natural and especially convincing for the uninitiated. There is not a shadow of a doubt that the voice is that of a spirit and *not the medium.* In some instances, as additional evidence several voices were heard at the same time. At this point, I was intrigued by a spirit who was able to produce a unique sound . . . sawing wood. This continued for several minutes, then a rasping noise—denoting that the sawer had struck a knot in the wood.

My Mama, *Annie E. Ewing* was one of the first spirits to communicate and express her joy for the opportunity to speak. She was able to create beautiful spirit lights which radiated sufficiently for us to distinguish outlines of the three of us—Mr. Pressing, Mrs. Becker and myself. We were actually able to discern each other in the pitch-dark room.

Startling Evidence

After others had expressed their greetings, a most dramatic entree was made which proved to be a most powerful spirit. The room —walls—chairs — floor, vibrated as though a slight earthquake might be taking place. Then, a strong resonant Indian voice spoke saying: *"I am White Feather. I posed for my portrait with an artist in England. I am well satisfied with the results. I have come to bring power and peace. There is great work to be done."* This was most evidential, see article page 12.

Several days before we left for California, we received from *S. A. MacDonald,* London, England, a number of beautiful pastel paintings of various guides. Amongst these pictures was one of *White Feather.*

During the winter months, from time to time, while in meditation, I saw a certain *Indian.* This *Indian* wore a magnificent white headdress, and gave his name, *White Feather.* Naturally, I was pleased to have this corroborated and I was doubly blessed to have been given such evidence. To be sure this was the same *White Feather.* (See Picture, Page 12).

Not one word concerning these pastels had been mentioned to Mrs. Becker and as a matter of fact, we had not discussed the pictures with anyone outside our office staff in *Lily Dale,* several thousand miles from California. For the skeptic, this data should have remarkable evidential value.

Dr. Peebles Speaks!

A gentleman (see Page 1) well known amongst Spiitualists the world over, spoke to us. He was *Dr. J. M. Peebles.* The fact that *Dr. Peebles* spoke bears no particular significance, as he has manifested to us many times, but the conversation was extremely important. His message promised great hope for mankind.

Dr. Peebles said: *"My good friends, I am delighted to greet you, and especially pleased that Marion gave you the bas-relief of me. When I lived on earth, I was interested, and my time was completely absorbed, in preaching the truth that the dead live and communicate to the earth people.*

"From my vantage point, here in this vast world of spirit, I really, even more, recognize and know, the great importance that this age old question has for the people of earth. My friends, I will help you and lend my power and strength from this side of life, to carry the torch of truth onward.

"At this time, though the din of battle has ceased, the cry of the hearts of suffering, ignorant humanity, bound by the shackles of ignorance, is greater and more far reaching into our realms than ever before in the history of the world.

"The message of man's immortality—the message of truth that man is indestructible spirit must be heralded to every nation of the earth. Man is Spirit—God is Spirit—All are one. One in essence—one in reality—all working toward the goal of perfection which one day must be achieved by all races, all creeds and all men. I will help you."

The placque or bas-relief to which *Dr. Peebles* referred, was given to us several nights previously by *Marion Carpenter-Vail,* when we visited her home in Los Angeles, 1814 Wellington Road.

What She Teaches

Dr. Briggs, the principal spirit collaborator of *Mrs. Becker* spoke to us, as did my own *Dr. Harry Corbin. W. J. Colville, Mr. Pressing's Red Feather* (See picture, Page 12) and a host of others, interested in our work with PSYCHIC OBSERVER, also spoke to us.

As a child, *Florence Becker* communed with spirit. She lived with Spirit. Her life is devoted to helping others find their way into an understanding of God's eternal laws.

She has taught and demonstrated that man is indestructible—that man is a Spirit—that man is one with God—that it is perfectly natural to walk with Spirit when one follows *The Laws of God*—and that his eternal promise *"I will give my Angels charge over thee" is true today, tomorrow and forever.*

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In the next issue of PSYCHIC OBSERVER, Mrs. Pressing will give a detailed account of her visit with California mediums and Spiritualist Churches. She will also describe other interesting contacts made during her recent trip to the West Coast.

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By
H. GORDON BURROUGHS

Phenomena are usually the principal means through which people enter into an investigation of *Spiritualism.* The great diffiulty is that most investigators stop at the phenomena and never go any further.

Our newspapers today often contain accounts of strange things that are taking place—things that have not been thoroughly and satisfactorily explained. It is useless for those who are not initiated into these phenomenal truths to argue and say that these things do *not* take place.

Then there are other phases of phenomena that are current at the present time, wonderful demonstrations of *spiritual* healing which are actually taking place.

Christian Science gave to the world a number of years ago a new phenomenon which has been of vast importance to the human family: and no matter what your belief may be, records are on file of many cases registered as actual cures of human ailments.

Greater Works Than These . . .

But this is as it should be, because this was the command of *Jesus;* and if we are followers of the *Nazarene,* we have listened to the admonition he gave to his disciples, when he sent them forth, and to the world: to free those in mental darkness and to cure the physical ills of the people contacted.

He said, "*He that believeth on me, the works that I do shall he do also; and greater works than these shall he do.*" Unless a minister of any church of any denomination whatsoever, is able to do these things commanded by *Jesus,* he is not fulfilling his task as a follower of the *Master.*

Our great difficulty is that *we have lost faith.* We talk of faith but so seldom do we have it. *Spiritualism* has come into world to restore that faith not alone in *Jesus of Nazareth* but also in the manifestation of *God in action* through other individuals. Our message is to re-establish further contact with *God the Father.*

Whether you believe or not, the message of *Jesus* is being fulfilled today through thousands of people on the earth plane who are doing exactly what Christ commanded them to do. And in speaking of Christ, please remember that *I am not orthodox,* but I am a believer in and a lover of one of the greatest teachers that God ever sent to the world, *Jesus of Nazareth.*

What I Have Learned

Whether you believe that he existed or not, I have always said that the writers who could create a character such as Christ was, were Christs themselves or they could not have imagined a character they depicted in the character of *Jesus.*

As for myself, I know spiritually, I know inwardly, that Christ did live; so in speaking of him I do so in the greatest reverence. Whatever your religious belief may be, his promise, I say, is being kept; and healing is taking place today.

AUTHOR—LECTURER—WRITER

Rev. Hugh Gordon Burroughs, has for the past forty years, devoted his entire time to the cause of Spiritualism. He is trustee of Camp Silver Belle, Ephrata, Penna.; trustee of The National Spiritualist Association and Pastor of The Church of Two Worlds, 1010 Seventeenth St., N.W., Washington, D. C.

Faith That Heals

I am willing to receive all good derived from any church, whatever it may be. I do not hesitate, therefore, to say that I have knelt at the shrine of the *White Sisters* in Philadelphia, where they pray unceasingly for twenty-four hours, and I have placed my trials on their altar and received help. It is the attitude in which you approach a situation that determines if you will receive the best good. Forgetful at times of your religious intolerance, be broad and accept truths from every source.

In Chicago, I once attended a novena to *St. Anne.* The crowds were so large that not all the people could enter the chapel; so many of them remained on the outside. In the chapel was a casket in which was a bone supposed to be from one of the hands of *St. Anne.* I had no interest in the faith of those people who came, many of them on stretchers. As they viewed that relic, or touched it, and heard the prayers of those who were kneeling, they were made whole.

So it matters not what was in the casket; it was the faith that produced the so-called miracle.

Real Purpose of Faith

Once upon a mountainside, in a camp, I was giving a healing service. There was not time to reach the vast number who needed help. A man who had been far back in the line came up to me after the service and said, "*Oh, Mr. Burroughs, if I could just have come forward, if you could just have placed your hands on me! I know that I could have been made well!*"

I said, "*Do you still believe that?*" He replied that he did; so after some friends lifted the man to a stump nearly, I passed my hands gently down his body to his ankles; and that man was made well. He threw away his canes, got down from the stump, and hopped around for joy.

These things are done by the power of *God* working through you; but you can not become the demonstrator of this power if you hold one unkind thought or if you are one of those human beings constantly criticizing and seeing the mediocre things in life. Unless you become so big that your vision does not see these things, unless you accept only the broad, beautiful things, unless you can accept the divine within every human being you meet and see him as a spark of the individual manifestation of *God,* you cannot do these things. Faith must be established, and that is one of the fundamental principles of *Modern Spiritualism.*

Why Can We Believe?

Now why do we have faith? Because we know that we are in direct touch with God. I do not *believe* in God; I *know* God. And you, too, may know God and be in direct touch with Him constantly, enjoying the beautiful things of life more fully and more spiritually, finding the worth-while things that make for real and lasting happiness, and freeing yourself from those things which are merely objective and which in every sense of the word keep you tied down. This can be your inheritance.

Why can we believe? Because we know that from time immemorial, *God* has never closed the gates to the children of the earth, and that He has always spoken to them. He has spoken to the human family, through various sources, one of the chief of which is ministering angels who are sensitive to vibrations and can convey messages to the earth plane.

Just as the radio today picks up voices wherever they may be upon wave lengths of vibration, just so the human mind may be attuned to catch the vibration of these angel voices. Both *Paul* and *Christ* were the recipients of the visitation of angels in a far-off day. The very birth of Christ was foretold, guarded over, and directed by ministering angels.

All Are Guided

It was through the care of ministering angels that the life of *Jesus* was protected. *Joseph* in dreams heard the voices, others heard the voices, Mary heard the voices, and they were directed what to do and when to bring the Christ-child back to his own country. That is why in the early days we were told to pray to our guardian angels. That is why today some of us pray to the saints and those who have gone to the higher realms of spirituality. The church has already given us this knowledge, but it has not perfected the knowledge which it gave. *God never said that we could not have this knowledge.*

At birth, each one of us was certainly given into the charge of an angelic being. Though we may not be conscious of it today, each one of us, if we could see clairvoyantly, would know that near us is a saintly, spiritual being who has ever been our help. If those of us who have been fortunate enough to know these angelic friends will listen to their guidance, we may be directed and helped in obtaining all things that we so desire that be for our best good.

Spiritualism's Message

What is the purpose of their direction? It is to assist us in finding our way back to *God* and to shed a little further light upon the way. They do not always assist by moving every stone from our path, but they can direct and help us when we stumble over the stones. You would not remove all responsibility from the path of your children in life as they grow into womanhood and manhood; but you assist and help them in meeting some of the experiences that are necessary for them to pass through.

I wish I could make you understand that the message of *Spiritualism* merely as a message from the dead is a small part of this great truth, and that if you are depending entirely upon messages you will get little out of *Spiritualism.* The mere fact of your receiving a message from the *Other Side* means nothing, unless you make up your mind to put into practice the precepts learned and use them in your everyday life.

You MUST Have Faith

I know many people who receive messages from the *Other Side* who are never any better thereby, who have not risen above the mediocre plane of manifestation; and I have also known others who have risen to a spiritual consciousness in which they are the true knowers and seers of life.

God is not going to do something for you unless you do something for yourself. Because of your desire and because of your effort to accomplish the thing desired, the angels of light on the *Other Side,* knowing your desire, hearing your prayer, and seeing your effort, surround you with every possible care and help you to accomplish the things you desire. They make it possible for doors to open for you at the right time. But you must have faith, and you must continue to have faith, letting your faith become your consuming thought, energy, and life.

Begin NOW!

In your prayers you make mistakes by saying, "*I have prayed for this and nothing happens.*" Don't pray for *this* or *that.* God already knows your need. Your ministering angels know what you want and your angelic friends are already making preparations to have your prayers come true.

Instead, let your prayers be for the good of ALL and not for ME. In out praying and believing that we shall receive that for which we pray, we should pray for all mankind everywhere, that they may receive solace and that their lives may be joyful.

At night time, in the silence when the day is ended and you have come to God, listen for the voices of angels talking to you. May you hear them as did *Jesus of Nazareth* and ever have the watchful care of a ministering one who helps you and guides you. *Surrounded by loving angels, may you be directed to peace, to love, and to conscious association with God.*

Old-time Spiritualist Luncheon at Lily Dale

Psychic Observer

The picture above shows a group of Spiritualists assembled in Melrose Park, Lily Dale, N. Y., about thirty years ago. They all face Lily Dale's auditorium (not shown in picture). In the *background, the entrance to Lily Dale Assembly; At head of the table, Dr. George B. Warne; In the background, standing, left, Jack Lillie; Third and fourth from the right, Mrs. and Mr. P.L.O.A. Keeler.*

The luncheon was given by the Waterhouse family whose cottage (extreme left) was purchased by Dale News, Inc., nine years ago. In the picture, first on right, Mrs. Waterhouse; Standing rear center, one of the Waterhouse boys.

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SPIRITUALISM AT CASSADAGA

By LYDIA EMERY
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Cassadaga Camp, located at Cassadaga, Florida, amid the pines and lakes, proved of interest to hundreds of guests this past season. (January, February, March, 1947).

The hotel, overlooking *Spirit Lake*, was capably managed by *J. M. McGill* and wife, *Margaret.*

Around this modern, comfortable hotel revolves a story of Spiritual upliftment; perhaps forming the basis of warmth and good fellowship which seemed to prevail throughout the camp.

On February 6th, the Cassadaga Woman's Club celebrated their 23rd birthday with a *George P. Colby Memorial* program, in honor of the founder of *Cassadaga Camp*, who was born at Pike, Alleghany County, New York, in 1848.

How It Came About

As a child in *Minnesota, Mr. Colby* followed the path of the truth of Spiritualism. At the age of twelve, it was prophesied he would someday found a center of psychic faith in the south.

Early development soon led to outstanding mediumship, and to seances conducted by the youth throughout America, from the eastern shores, as far west as Oakland, Calif.

At the age of twenty-seven, *Colby's* remarkable demonstrations of mediumship were brought to an abrupt halt, as the ravages of tuberculosis took their toll of his strength.

Retiring to Florida for his health, he arrived by boat at *Blue Springs*, then only a wood yard, and, with the *Gidding* family who had accompanied him, occupied a deserted house near what is now known as *Orange City; Deland, Lake Helen*, and the former city not having been in existence at that time.

Cassadaga Is Born

Wandering through the wilderness, he climbed a low hill, staring at the scene below, the shimmering lake surrounded by towering pine trees heavy with needles and moss. *And Cassadaga Camp was born.*

Discovering a deserted storage crib, he placed logs across one corner, moss formed his mattress and the sky was his covering. An open fire on the ground was his fireplace.

Other than a narrow gauge from *St. Augustine* to *Tatoi*, there were no railroads south of *Jacksonville*, Florida's gateway city, and *George Colby's* only means of obtaining food and mail were from *Enterprise* or *Beresford*, the distance being traveled by foot, a tiring chore for an ill man.

Regaining his strength and recalling the medium's prophecy, *Mr. Colby* renewed his fight for Spiritual survival, and in 1893 held a three-day meeting in a tent borrowed from the *East Coast Railway*, acting as lecturer, singer and message bearer.

Featured Mediums

Capturing the interest of the *Lily Dale*, New York, Spiritualist Assembly, which was then the *Cassadaga Lake Free Association*, he was assisted by members of this great organization in creating the *Southern Cassadaga Spiritualist Assembly*. With his donation of thirty-four acres of his homestead land to be used as the site of the assembly, the camp was completed in 1895.

Following a full recovery, which he attributed to the drinking of the Cassadaga spring water, *George P. Colby* lived to the ripe old age of eighty-five, crossing to the Spirit side of life in July of 1933. His home was purchased by *Mr. and Mrs. V. M. Alderman*, and can still be seen, as well as where his storage crib was located. Like the waters of the spring which continue to flow, the spirit and courage of this magnificent medium lives on in all who enter his haven of truth.

Lydia EMERY

Outstanding demonstrations of psychic phenomena were displayed at this southern camp during the months of January, February and March, by the noted mediums, *T. John Kelly, Arthur Ford* and *M. McBride Panton.*

Mr. Kelly performed an unprecedented feat with his delivery of over eighty messages during a single evening in January. The *Welch* medium proved equally interesting in a personal seance which I attended with my aunt, *Mrs. Henrietta Ford Thomas;* disproving the theory that spectacular platform demonstrations and inspirational private seances are to be found in one physical agent.

Ford's Accuracy

The appearance of the celebrated *Arthur Ford* marked the month of February at Cassadaga. Ford's opening lecture was attended by over five hundred persons who had driven from all points in America to the camp for this occasion. Many familiar faces from *Camp Silver Belle* were in evidence.

Following a new sermon rendered by Ford for the first time in any center, demonstrations of Spiritual contact were given at three separate meetings that day, each of which were conducted by the well known medium with the aid of his guide, *Fletcher.*

A particularly outstanding message was received by *Mrs. Philamena Taylor* of Jacksonville. During one of the afternoon bazaar seances, the Miami minister described a young man who gave the symbolic impression of a snow storm as evidence in connection with his passing. This entity, despite *Ford's* minute description, was unclaimed and forgotten, until *Mrs. Taylor* approached the medium shortly before his evening service.

Panton's Demonstration

Although the elderly lady was accompanied by *Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Brown* who head one of Jacksonville's most progressive development classes, she was unaccustomed to Spiritualism and had therefore been unaware of the necessity of claiming a message through the sound of her voice.

The young man had been her nephew who passed over several years ago, after a boat in which he and two companions had been riding capsized near Mandarin, Florida, during the middle of the winter season. Swimming to the nearest shore, the youth's companions had gone for help, leaving him to rest on the river bank. Upon their return, they found the lad had frozen to death in their absence.

Many of February's guests remained, other departing in order to allow new reservations to be filled, for the appearance of the *Rev. M. McBride Panton* of Stamford, Connecticut, whose opening was heralded with an attendance comparable to that of his predecessor.

Evidence Galore

After delivering a splendid lecture based on the ever increasing recognition of Spiritual truth as proving the teachings of ordinary orthodox religion, one of the medium's controls, *Pedro*, came through for almost two hours with his usual jovial messages. The medium's eyes were heavily bandaged at all times.

This Gypsy spirit, defying the risk of rejection, reached out to contact two small children, a brother and sister, within the large audience. The little girl's eyes brimmed with tears as he recalled her playmate by name, who she had been forced to leave in Ohio, and described her brother's actions regarding a sleigh which he had actually owned several years ago. Both children displayed respect for the entity, their faces becoming sorrowful and joyous by turns, although they were early students of grammar school.

Their reactions were a heartwarming tribute to a great truth. Instead of trembling at ghosts and goblins, those small children talked at will with their loved ones, and with a freedom of spirit found only in the homes of Spiritualists. For Spiritualism is the word of God, His promise of eternal life brought into being.

Pedro then greeted me with six words. *"I will always be 'Careless' minded."* So simple, yet presenting a wealth of tangible evidence. *Edwin Grady* of Hollywood, Calif., had been an entertainer and one of my dearest friends. His parody of the song, *"Careless,"* had always proved my chief source of amusement. Having never before contacted me, what could be more evidential than his greeting of assurance, *"I will always be 'Careless' minded,"* since I alone understood the so-called code words of this spirit who had passed over shortly after my return to the east?

At a small direct-voice seance, at which only *Prof. George Halford* of Hartford, Connecticut, *Mrs. Barton Cross* of Lilac Hedges, Eatontown, N. J., my mother, *Mrs. Maude M. Winter*, and I were present, *Chief White Cloud* and *Maisie*, two of Mr. Panton's other teachers, brought through *Barton Cross, Jr.*, and *Annie Lynch*, Mrs. Cross' mother, who had died when her daughter was at the age of three.

No one, *Mrs. Cross* stated firmly, knew of her mother's maiden name, which was *Lynch*. Nor did anyone know *Annie Lynch Chamberlain*, since she herself had no recollections of her. This was indisputable evidence of survival.

The *Stamford* minister also succeeded in giving me direct contact with a great grandfather who carried the tongue-twisting name of *Count Marcy de Fontaines*, as well as another forefather, *Captain Titus Salter*, who lived during the Revolutionary days, which was revolutionary, to say the least.

These Morris Pratt Students Honored

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A group of Morris Pratt students (above) who recently conducted the services of the South Side Spiritualist Church, 1239 South 15th St., Milwaukee, Wisconsin. Their presentations. lectures and clairvoyance, exemplified splendid training received at The Morris Pratt Institute under the direction of Rev. Melvina Hostak. They were congratulated by Rev. Charles R. Smith, Morris Pratt President.

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Front row, left to right: Raeona Harder, Mary Shervis, O. C. Lehman and Helen La Chapelle.

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The six pictures, printed above, are reproduced from photographs of the original pastel drawings, sent to the editors of *Psychic Observer* by *S. A. Macdonald*, psychic artist, 27a Addison Gardens, London, W. 14, England.

No. 1 — RED FEATHER, according to *Macdonald's* description attached to the original, was sketched after contact had been made with this Indian—immediately following his (the artist's) reading of an article in *Psychic Observer*. This contact was verified during a sitting in his own seance room. During the manifestation, *Mr. Macdonald* explains how he was shown an enormous red light—similar to a hand torch. Two and one-half days was the time required to paint this pastel.

No. 2—PINK FLOWER is a difficult time-study with an astral background. It was made possible only after Macdonald's clairvoyant vision. Time required, 2 days.

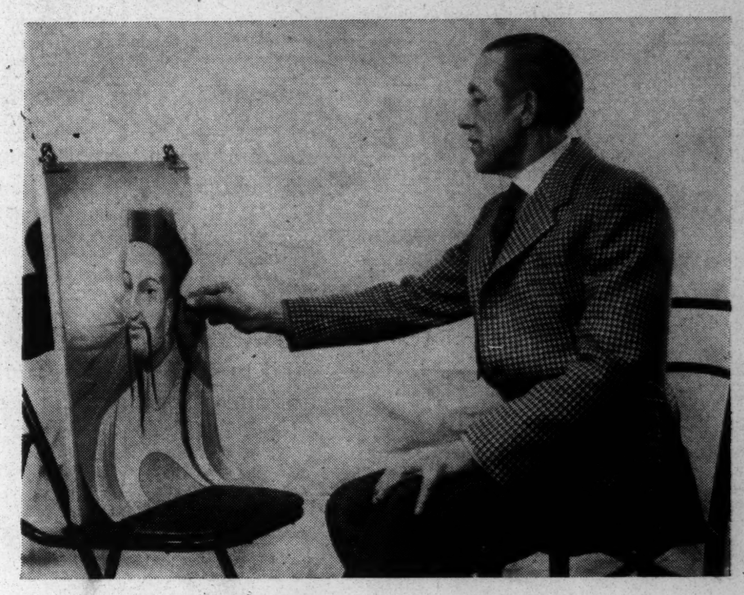
No. 3—SISTER MARIE of the WHITE SISTERS required only twenty minutes. The artist calls this a "quick sketch."

No. 4—CHANG FOO LI is a quick sketch but required 1½ hours time. This Chinese Philosopher was painted as a result of a clairvoyant vision which appeared after *Mr. Macdonald* read a letter received from *Juliette Ewing Pressing*. It was this Chinaman who manifested though the trance instrumentality of *Rev. Richard Zenor*, (See Psychic Observer, May 10th, 1947) pastor of the Agasha Temple of Wisdom, 353 North Western Ave., Los Angeles, California. Rev. Zenor could not possibly have known about the picture. The Chinaman gave his name and described his own picture in detail—one of the most evidential messages ever received by the editors.

No. 5—WHITE FEATHER, the Indian spirit who manifested through the direct-voice mediumship of Rev. Florence S. Becker. This pastel required three days. It is a time study . . . done as a result of a clairvoyant vision after contact was made with a letter received from *Juliette Ewing Pressing* (See article starting page 1).

No. 6—BLUE BELL, a quick sketch. Time 30 minutes. She was seen by the psychic artist during a seance, at which time she conveyed the message that she came with PINK FLOWER and loved to help her medium, Mrs. Pressing, with the colors . . . meaning that in her selection of color combinations around the home, she was always there and likes to "impress" her.

Macdonald at Work in His London Studio



SPIRIT PICTURES PRODUCED BY PSYCHOMETRY

The six pictures appearing on this page were done by means of psychometry, an unusual gift possessed by MACDONALD, in addition to his artistic talents. Either by handling a letter, envelope or handkerchief, or all three, he is able to pick up certain psychic flashes . . . not unlike objective clairvoyance. This help, coupled with his intuitive gifts make it possible to sketch likenesses of spirit guides and teachers of those from whom he receives certain tangible objects.

According to communications received from Macdonald, "quick sketches" are usually made in profile. Front view sketches, taking considerable time, are called "time studies". All pictures are liable to smudge but, if framed immediately, will last up to 100 years.

Macdonald is a popular London psychic artist. He conducts tours through the British Isles and at these appearances, exhibits pastels, lectures and demonstrates his psychic gift.

Before the editors of PSYCHIC OBSERVER deemed it wise to accept advertising from Macdonald, they asked for a sample of his work and were told to follow instructions. JULIETTE EWING PRESSING then mailed a personal letter—enclosing a handkerchief. The results are shown on this page.

Since publishing Macdonald's pastels in PSYCHIC OBSERVER, the artist has received numerous replys from readers. No price was mentioned and, not knowing the actual worth of pastels, he was reimbursed with various small sums. This was no fault of the reader.

In London, Macdonald's fee for sketches varies. Twenty-five to fifty dollars for the "time studies" on French or Italian "Ingres" paper, size 24 in. x 19 in. Those prefering smaller sketches on paper 15 in. x 20 in., the fee is from ten to twenty dollars. The difference in price is accountable because the twenty-five dollar portrait in full color is without the astral background. It is far more difficult to do the sketches at a distance than it is when sitting for a group of five to eight people, says Macdonald.

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